

## NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): A CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY FOR A FLAT WIRE MEMBER

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Formal drawings (Figs. 1-19B; 18 sheets) are attached.  
 Use Figure \_\_\_\_\_ for front page of Publication.  
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3) Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.  
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Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.  
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Priority of foreign applications No. 2001-004940 filed January 12, 2001 in Japan and No. 2001-369113 filed December 3, 2001 in Japan are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
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